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Good afternoon:

I want to thank all of you for joining us this morning to discuss the recent events at Westfield Trumbull. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Trumbull Police Chief Thomas Kiely, as well as our Deputy Police Chiefs Glen Byrnes and Michael Harry.

I am also pleased to introduce senior officials from Westfield. With us today is Chuck DiGiovanna, Senior Vice President, Phillip St. Pierre, Regional Vice President and Lee Sterling, a spokeswoman for Westfield.

If any members of the press have questions for Westfield, they should be directed to Westfield after this press conference. This press conference is exclusive to the Town of Trumbull and its officials.

Chief Kiely will speak shortly regarding the specific facts concerning the incident from this past weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to speak of not only the incident from this past weekend, but the plan going forward.

The incident this weekend was an isolated incident that was contained in short order by the good work of our mall security and the Trumbull Police Department. I want to publicly recognize Deputy Chief Byrnes, Sergeants Medoff and Sember, as well as Officers Leos, McEnaney and Harry for their efforts to quickly contain and mitigate the situation.

This morning, Chief Kiely and I had the opportunity to meet with senior mall management to discuss the situation and the plan going forward. As has been routine practice in the Town of Trumbull, we continue to review the comprehensive security plan that is already in place and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

This security plan includes uniform and plain clothed personnel, foot and vehicle patrols, as well as electronic surveillance and the hiring of off duty Trumbull police officers to provide additional patrols to monitor the mall.

I am pleased to report that a 35 million dollar renovation of Westfield Trumbull, approved earlier this year by the Trumbull Planning & Zoning Commission is well under way, with an anticipated completion date of the Fall, 2010. This comprehensive renovation will include additional security enhancements, including additional cameras and an improved Trumbull Police substation that will build upon the existing security plan.

These enhancements will be part of a comprehensive, ongoing commitment to provide a great customer experience at Westfield. The Town of Trumbull is committed to work collaboratively with Westfield Trumbull to create an exceptional mall that serves as a focal point for and a destination point for the Trumbull community and the region. The renovation plan will offer a range of retail, from affordable luxury to everyday basics. Westfield is also committed to significantly enhance the dining experience at our mall with a new dining terrace and additional restaurants and other dining options.

The Town of Trumbull is confident that Trumbull Westfield currently provides a safe shopping experience that will be enhanced by the exciting \$35 million dollar revitalization currently underway. The new Westfield Trumbull will create an exciting and unique experience that will foster pride for our community, for Westfield and maintain safety for all people that use our mall.